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SEPTEMBER AT EMPIRE CITY CASINO AT YONKERS RACEWAY IS HIGHLIGHTED BY TWO CHEVROLET TRAVERSE GIVEAWAYS, BRAVEST VS. FINEST COMEDY FINALS AND DRAWSTRING BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

*****Comedy Nights, Young at Heart & Tribute Music Continue on Entertainment Schedule*****

New York— Labor Day may mark the unofficial end of the summer, but it is just the beginning of a loaded September calendar at **Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway**, the "Jackpot Next Door." A **Drawstring Backpack Giveaway** on **Labor Day (September 5),** the finale of the **Bravest vs. Finest** firefighters against the cops comedy contest on **September 8** and two chances to drive away in a **Chevrolet Traverse** on **September 12** and **26** are among the highlights.

Drive Away in A Chevy: Starting **on September 1** at **10 am,** Empire Club Members will be able to accumulate virtual entries for the **Chevrolet Traverse** giveaway. Empire City Casino will be giving away two Chevrolets, on **September 12 and 26**, with individual entry periods before each drawing date. The first drawing period will last until Monday, **September 12** at 8:45 pm. The second drawing period will run from Monday, **September 13** at 10 am until Monday, **September 26** at 8:45 pm. Empire Club Members can earn one entry for every 100 points earned, and will receive two entries for every 100 points on Mondays in September.

Tribute Bands at Entertainment Lounge: Empire City Casino's **Tribute Concert Series** starts on Thursday, **September 1** at 8 pm and 10 pm with **Bobby and the Jets**, an **Elton John** tribute band. **September 8** fill feature **Forever Ray**, a **Ray Charles** tribute band. A **Rod Stewart** tribute band, **Blondes Have More Fun**, takes the stage the following week. **Beatlemania Now** will showcase their talents on Thursday, **September 22**. Finally, the Earth**, Wind & Fire** tribute band **Shining Star** will wrap up **September on the 29th**.

On Labor Day, Monday, **September 5,** Empire Club Members will receive a free **drawstring backpack** by visiting the Promotions Booth while supplies last. **Teri Lamar & New Company** will provide the musical entertainment from 5-9:00 pm at the Entertainment Lounge in the Gotham Palace.

New York's **Bravest and Finest** will square off at 7 pm on Thursday, **September 8,** in the Good Time Room in the finals of the **Comedy Showdown** sponsored by WHUD Radio. Policemen will take on firefighters in a competition to see which badge can bring the most laughs. The winner will receive a spot in an Empire City comedy night as well as dinner at Empire Terrace and a race named in their honor. There is a $5 cover charge and proceeds will go to a September 11th charity.

A pair of the regular Wednesday night Comedy Shows are on the calendar **September 7 and 28** at 8 pm in the Good Time Room. These events are free Empire Club Members, while non-members must pay a $15 cover charge.

Ladies can press their luck on **Tuesdays** in September as Empire Club members can receive one $7 free play voucher and a 10% food and beverage discount by visiting a promotions kiosk. Ladies can enjoy 2-for-1 drink specials from 5 pm – 9 pm in the Entertainment Lounge, as well as karaoke at 7:30 pm.

The **Young at Heart** concert series on Wednesdays at 12 pm and 2 pm features a powerful lineup in September. Here's the slate**: September 7,** the **Guss Hayes Band; September 14,** the **Remnants; September 21,** the **Guss Hayes Band** returns; **September 28,** the **Peter Lawrence Orchestra** will wrap up the month.

Empire Club Members age 55+ can visit the Gotham Palace Promotion Booth for the Young at Heart gift pack. Each promotional day they are eligible for $5 free play, 10% off food, half-price valet, and a gift. Gifts will include Oleg Cassini Dinner Ware: Large Dinner Plate, Small Dinner Plate, Soup bowl and a Large Dinner Plate again.

On Thursdays **September 8, 15, 22, 29,** Empire Club members can play **September Surprise** (Sponsored by Bally) for a chance to win **$5,000 cash**. Every contestant who swipes their Empire Club Card at a promotions kiosk is guaranteed to win $5 Bally free play.

In the Good Time Room on Tuesday, **September 27 at 12 pm, Let's Make a Deal** will have a contestant search.

About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway features: 5,300 slot machines, video roulette and electronic craps tables, Italian dining in Nonno's Trattoria, and trackside in the Empire Terrace Restaurant, which overlooks the track for live harness racing, as well as a quick bite at the International Food Court and its wide-ranging menu. The multi-faceted Good Time Room is available for parties, benefits, weddings, and major events for up to 500. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County, (I-87 to Exit 2). Empire City Casino is open seven days a week from 10:00 AM to 2:00 AM Sunday through Thursday, and until 4:00 AM on Friday and Saturday. For more information call 914.968.4200 or log onto www.empirecitygaming.com.